THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir. No such incident has been reported from Mumbai and Delhi airports in respect of closed Circuit Television Cameras of Airports Authority of India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Implementation of Kelkar Committee Recommendations in IA

1234. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vijay Kelkar Committee had recommended infusion of equity of Rs. 375 crores in Indian Airlines to enable the Indian Airlines to acquire 75 new aircrafts to replace it ageing 56 strong fleet;

(b) whether the recommendation was accepted; and

(c) if not, the reason for not implementing it for more than three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Kelkar Committee had recommended financial restructuring of Indian Airlines which, *inter alia*, envisaged injection of Rs. 475 crores by the Government in the form of compensation, subordinated loan and equity.

(b) and (c) The above recommendations were examined by the Government, and it was decided to infuse Rs. 325 crores as equity to be used as margin money towards purchase/replacement of aircraft.

Impact of Privatisation of Procurement of Aircrafts by IA

1235. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister on CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "who will pay for new IA aircraft" as reported in the Times of India dated the 26th January, 2000;

(b) if so, whether Government's decision to privatise Indian Airlines and involve a strategic partner with a 26 per cent stake marks has created problem of acquisition of new aircrafts by Indian Airlines;

(c) whether any decision to acquire more planes was pending with Government; and

(d) if so, how Government would acquire those planes and at what cost, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government's decision for equity infusion of Rs. 325 crores in Indian Airlines in the form of margin money for acquisition/replacement of aircraft has not been reviewed. Government has not received any proposal from Indian Airlines so far.

Passengers Brought Back from the Hijacked IA Plane In Dubai

1236. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers carried back by the Civil Aviation Minister from Dubai Airport after the Indian Airlines aircraft was hijacked to Kandhar; and

(b) the attempts made to assuage the feelings of the relatives of the captive passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) 27 passengers and dead body of one passenger were brought back from Dubai by the Civil Aviation Minister.

(b) Following facilitation measures were taken for the relatives of the captive passengers:

(i) Control Rooms were set up at International airports in Delhi and Kathmandu, domestic airports in Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai, Mumbai and in Hotel Centuar, Delhi, round-the-clock to facilitate flow of information for the relatives of the hostages.

(ii) A team of officers drawn from Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of External Affairs, DGCA and Indian Airlines was deputed to brief the relatives.

(iii) Relatives waiting at the airport were extended normal courtesies like meals, snacks, refreshments etc.

(iv) Relatives from outstations were provided hotel accommodation, meals, telephone facilities etc. till 31.12.1999.

(v) To and from complimentary tickets were issued by Indian Airlines to the relatives of passengers who wished to come to Delhi.

(vi) Information was passed on to the relatives on telephone numbers available with Indian Airlines.